

General humbled, elated to join unit

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Greetings to the Soldiers and Civilians of the 100th Division.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me and my family as we joined the Division. I am both elated and humbled by the opportunity and privilege to serve as the Commander of this magnificent organization, which is steeped in history, tradition, culture, and major accomplishments. I take great pride in saying that I am a member of the 100th Division.

Since assuming command, I have had the opportunity to visit many of our soldiers and civilians, and to observe first hand some of the outstanding training the Division is providing. I am pleased to say that the Division's reputation of excellence as a premier training institution continues to expand. Our customers and their commands consistently point to the dedicated professional soldiers and civilians of the 100th who are not only accomplishing their mission requirements, they are exceeding standards and setting new levels of achievement.

The Division continues to successfully train Army Reserve, National Guard, and active duty soldiers in Initial Entry Training, MOS reclassification, officer and noncommissioned officer professional development, and a host of other training requirements for the Army. There are many success stories, too many, but a few stand out as noteworthy: Task Force 100, the ROTC missions



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at Ft. Knox and Ft. Lewis, IET missions at Ft. Knox, TASS pop-ups providing training to support Army Reserve and National Guard MOSQ requirements, and a host of ongoing operations in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

We can expect to see additional missions assignment of this kind coming up during the next few months.

I have full confidence we will easily meet these demands because of the caliber, experience and dedication of the members of this Division.

For the past couple of months I have been discussing with the Division's key leadership the changes that we might expect to see during the next few months and years. In addition to the challenges of near term IDT and AT missions, we must also keep Army transformation and subsequent Army Reserve transformation in mind. Total Army Analysis and the need to critically assess military end-strength is also on the horizon. As the Army changes so do we. No one knows for certain what we will encounter but it is suffice to say that what we do and how we are organized will evolve. Regardless of how structures and missions might evolve it will be done to support the cause of freedom and to support

America's Military Strategy.

As our customers gear up to meet required MOSQ levels and prepare for rotations to support requirements in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans, GITMO, and the Sinai our Division will play a key role in preparing Soldiers for combat. Expect more requirements for shorter training cycle turn around. More emphasis will be placed on 2x2s, Pop-Up missions, and shorter duration TASS training. We will see quicker accession of new soldiers into Initial Entry Training and Advanced Individual Training and new approaches to reclassification training, and a shift in officer and noncommissioned officer professional development. Thus, our focus must shift to more flexible training and change the dynamics of how we train. We need to think "out of the box" on how we more efficiently and effectively apply and conduct training because of the ever-changing environment.

Regardless of future missions for the Army Reserve, I see a bright future for our Division. Our TASS and IET experience, depth of knowledge, and skills are excellent. Those assets will be used in any environment and situations old or new.

The 100th Division's soldiers and civilians are some of the best in the world. This is a testament to past and current members and especially to the leadership of the division, which includes every E5 right up to the Command Group. You all have made this division a standards setter and I am confident that the 100th Division will continue to lead the way as we "Train 'em Tough".